

Appl. No. 09/931,562  
Letter dated December 20, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of October 20, 2004

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office action mailed October 20, 2004, applicant changes the claim of priority as suggested by the Examiner.

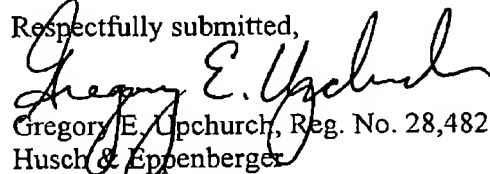
This amendment overcomes the objection to both the specification and the claims.

Claims 26-28 are canceled herewith without prejudice, thereby overcoming the § 103 rejection of those claims.

The previously withdrawn claims (claims 39-47) are also canceled herewith.

The present amendment overcomes all the outstanding rejections, thereby putting this case in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowability of claims 1-14, 20-25, 29-34, 48, 49 and 52-67 is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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